

The embroidered insignia of rank and position are placed upon the front and back of official robes. They must be of the finest workmanship and as well executed as to show the design clearly and accurately. The general design for a civil officer is a bird and for a military official a quadruped. The civilist is as follows, ranks, and not degrees, being discriminated:—

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| First rank..... | A Manchurian crane. |
| Second | A golden pheasant. |
| Third | A peacock. |
| Fourth | A wild goose. |
| Fifth | A silver pheasant. |
| Sixth | A young egret. |
| Seventh | A quail. |
| Eighth | A long-tailed jay. |
| Ninth | An oriole. |

The military list runs:—
First rank.....A unicorn.
Second

These insignia have been used from time immemorial, while the buttons are a creation of the Manchou conquerors of China. It is a singular fact that both the lion and rhinoceros are strangers to China. The limit of their habitat seems to be the Ganges and to have been within the Tertiary period. The knowledge of these great animals by the Chinese was acquired long before the Christian era, when large fleets of junk, naval, private or commercial, went from Canton to nearly every port in Hindostan and often brought back these and other wild beasts alive.

Of late years, etiquette has relaxed considerably in regard to both buttons and insignia. The silver-white, or button of the ninth rank, has been almost universally discarded and the golden one of the seventh and eight adopted in its stead.

In ancient years the different orders of Chinese nobility were distinguished more by the crown worn by each rank than by the insignia. The crown was abolished by the Manchous, who substituted the button; the latter being symbolic of servitude while the former represented autonomy, if not liberty.

Another cause of confusion in the use of buttons and insignia lies in the ever-increasing power of wealth to secure these honors by purchase. Originally they meant pedigree, military heroism, or erudition, intellectual ability, literary culture or eminent philanthropy. Their ownership indicated distinction of some kind to a high degree. This is no longer.

Ambitious officials are permitted to buy high honorary ranks. In Canton and Hankow several magistrates of the seventh rank have purchased the eighth and now wear light blue buttons. One very rich Cantonese, unconsciously reflects upon the decadence of the times by using as a button a magnificent sapphire worth a king's ransom. Even private citizens are allowed to gratify their vanity in this manner. A wealthy tea-taster in Tientsin, whose education would not entitle him to become an official of the lowest class, secured the privilege of wearing a dark button by paying a heavy sum of money to the powers that be. He is said to have paid down \$20,000 for the badge. Quite as bad as this corrupt practice is the diplomatic custom of securing the services and friendship of great criminals, pirates and traitors, by the bestowal of rank and office. This was repeatedly done during the Taiping rebellion, where it enabled "Chinese" Gordon to win battles by withdrawing from the enemy some of his ablest and most trusted generals. It was done in the late Tonkin war, when the leader of the Black Flag, Li Yu, and his satellite thieves and murderers, were pardoned and made officials of high rank.

In addition to these ranks of nobility are five great titles which are rarely conferred. They are equivalent to Duke, Marquis, Earl, Viscount and Baron. There is also a knighthood bestowed upon army and navy officers for extraordinary services. The five titles have each three classes, viz. "perpetual hereditary," "limited hereditary," and "non-hereditary." The names explain themselves. During the present dynasty, these titles have been seldom bestowed; that of Duke never. Li Hsing-chang, the great Viceroy of China, is only an Earl, while the greatest statesman of the last generation, Tseong Kwok Fan, was but a Marquis. Titles in China, as elsewhere, seem to be sinking into desuetude.

THE FRANCO-SIAMESE CONVENTION.

After weeks of delay, hesitation, and interrupted negotiations the Franco-Siamese Convention has at length been definitely settled upon the basis laid down in the French ultimatum of July 30th. It had been decided that no further delay should be accorded Siam, and every preparation had been made by the French Minister Plenipotentiary to leave Bangkok on Sunday morning were the Siamese still disinclined to accede to the French terms. The gondest *Aphe* had steam up only on Sunday evening, and had hauled up on shore and with pilot on board was ready to steam down the river on the return of the French Minister with an unfavorable answer. Before 8 a.m. the French Minister, Plenipotentiary, accompanied by M. Pavie, Minister Resident, and the Rev. Père Smid, an interpreter, drove up to the Siamese Foreign Office, and negotiations at once began, lasting until noon, at which time the Foreign Minister had agreed to the Convention as it now stands. The points upon which the French Minister, Plenipotentiary and his Majesty's Government differed were important, and involved grave interests seriously affecting the future relations of this country with her eastern neighbor. The main points of difference were the right, considered indispensable by France, of establishing and maintaining the necessary station and public works on the right bank absolutely indispensable to the safe navigation of the Mekong. The freedom of circulation for the inhabitants on both banks; and the removal of all commercial barriers in the form of customs was also looked upon as indispensable by the French Plenipotentiary. The military guard, or armed police required for the prevention of smuggling, was thought to be a serious cause of danger, and as the Convention was intended to be an instrument of peace rather than provocative of war some such understanding appeared absolutely necessary.

After the Customs difficulty on the Mekong and the right to use the right bank for necessary works, came the famous Article IV. This demand of the ultimatum has, we believe, been in part dropped, and no measures insisted upon which would in any way affect certain European in Siam. As regards Ankor and Battambang a free trade policy will be adopted, that is to say that French goods may enter Siam by those provinces free of duty, and *vice versa*. Siam must also withdraw her troops from the two above named provinces within a period of six months from the signing of the Convention. To sum up, the points of importance which have been agreed upon between the two countries, on the basis of the ultimatum, are as follows:—

(1) Free navigation of the Mekong, and the right of France to use the right bank for the necessary purposes of navigation, stations, &c. (2) The suppression of Customs along the river, and the guarantee that Siam shall keep no armed police on the 25 kilometers along the

right bank, or prevent the free circulation of products between the two countries.

(3) A free trade policy to be established between Ankor, Battambang and the French provinces of Indo-China, and the revision of the French Commercial Treaty of 1856.

(4) Siam to withdraw her troops from Ankor and Battambang within six months from the date upon which the Treaty is signed and ratified.

These points have been recognized by the Foreign Ministers as indispensable to the future good relations between France and Siam, and have been agreed to and embodied into the Convention. The French Minister Plenipotentiary leaves for Bangkok to-morrow. He will be accompanied by M. Pavie, Minister Resident, Captain Gérard, and Lieutenant de Myre de Villers. After an interview with the King M. de Villers will leave for Saigon on Friday, whence he will immediately proceed to Europe. General satisfaction has been expressed at the successful termination of the deadlock in Siam. —*Siam Free Press.*

DR. BEDLOE IN NEW YORK.

(From the New York Herald.)
Dr. Edward Bedloe, ex-United States Consul to Ankor, China, and Honorary Commissioner to China for the Columbian Exposition, is the guest of Proprietor George C. Boldt, of the Waldorf. Dr. Bedloe, accompanied by ex-Vice-Consul William E. S. Fales, left China on July 1st, coming here via San Francisco and Chicago.

"The Siamese concessions to France will greatly benefit Siam," said Dr. Bedloe in answer to a query. "The Siamese form of government is a step towards national progress. It respects the enterprise and suppresses energy. Siam is a wealthy country, resourceful and capable of engaging in the world's trade. The occupancy of more territory by the French will prove of signal benefit to the Siamese merchant and laborer. He will be given what we Americans call 'a show,' by virtue of the increased French influence in the country."

Dr. Bedloe enjoyed his three years' experience in Ankor, notwithstanding the exhausting summers and the ravages of the white ants that destroy vast crops, household goods, clothing and books. He found the foreign residents chiefly English—extremely cordial. Dr. Bedloe's consular reports regarding the white ants and China as a menace to Christianity have been reviewed in the *Herald*. His work for the United States Hydrographic Bureau, in which he incorporated the Chinese Government's bulletins regarding the formation of sandbars and shoals and the presence of sunken rocks along the coast in the neighborhood of Ankor, is regarded as extremely valuable for our naval officers.

A MARKET FOR OUR COTTON FABRICS.
"The most striking feature of China," said Dr. Bedloe, "lies in the fact that it presents a vast market for the cotton fabrics of our Southern States. The trade in raw cotton is large and constantly increasing. In the past, England supplied the Far East with cotton and piece goods. The Chinese grow much cotton, but by the great portion of their cotton goods is imported. There is no reason why the United States should not receive the bulk of the Chinese trade and why the South, through New Orleans, should not be able to furnish all the cotton goods China needs, much cheaper than other competitors. I think it singular this has not been thought of before. The Southern States, with plenty of the best coal and iron and the very best cotton that grows, should have an easy task in turning out yarn, thread, cloth, sheeting and chills at a less cost than any other part of the world. The manufacturer in Georgia and Alabama would have a natural advantage of at least thirty per cent over his rivals in the Eastern States and of forty per cent over Lancashire, England. This advantage will be further increased when the Nicaragua Canal is cut, for New Orleans and other Southern ports will be brought much nearer the China trade than England. With cheap freight rates assured, it will be our own fault if we do not capture the greater share of the Chinese trade."

Dr. Bedloe will shortly go on the lecture platform under Major Pond's management.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

(Compiled from many sources.)
A close friend—the fellow who will not lend. Self-love is not so vile a sin as self-neglect. When money grows timid it makes the rest of us shy.

A cynic is one of those things that make a man a man.

Ignorance is never blissful after the owner finds out what it is.

Findings fault with Mary was Martha's way of bragging of herself.

The expression "gold bug" is an abbreviation of "gold bugbear."

The man who has a character that mud will stick to never feels safe.

The man who succeeds in keeping his foot out of his mouth now is a good one.

This awful news comes from Russia: "Rye is down to 35 kopecks a pud."

In all the reductions of pry now going on, the wages of sin remain the same.

When the dealers put down the prices on peaches the women put them up.

"And do you love him, child?" "Love him, mamma? I've seen his bank book."

A Philadelphia manufacturer of linen-wear advertises himself as a "shirtbuilder."

Plenty of sleep is conducive to beauty. Even a "beauty" looks when it loses its nap.

Bobber—I hear Whirring has settled down. Slobber—Humph! I think he'd better settle up.

Jarvisite bicyclers are liable to be attacked by the awful disease called kypchosis bicyclistorum.

When Congress has a crisis to face, the eyes and noses and much more important features than the mouth.

Only three rich men are referred to as such in the New Testament, and two of them were Jews.

If you want to please a man, catch him in a crowd and ask him some question that he is smart about.

The unsuccessful speculator is among those who find it particularly hard either to settle down or settle up.

Scout about a man who is mean to his wife? Satan will not be injured much by what he says in church.

"Do you believe that Bacon had anything to do with 'Hamlet'?" "No; I think 'Hamlet's' trouble was his liver."

Guest—This bill of fare is in French. Waiter—Yes, sah; but the prices is in English, sah. Meo's folks goes by dem.

The bravest man on earth has been found in Indiana. He organized all the church singers in town into one choir.

The New York papers are now talking about "trolley-cuts." There is such a thing as carrying free coinage too far.

(Selling his way.)—An honorable man about nearly only one. Shc—Certainly, sah, certainly—if he can afford it.

"Have you had a good season?" asked a tourist. "Naw," replied the seaside land-lord. "Even the mosquitoes have nearly starved to death."

Significant characteristics—"What is your idea of a poet?" she asked. "A poet," replied he, "is a man who is long of hair and short of cash."

Misfit—Did he kiss you when he proposed? May—Certainly; I wouldn't consider any but sealed proposals.

It is a recognized custom nowadays for a girl to buy a pair of sleeves that please her and get the rest of the garment with what money she has left on hand.

Dr. Thridly—Sorry your husband isn't out to church to-day; is he? Mr. Hicks—No, he isn't; he's exactly just one of his weekly attacks of being homesick.

Needed Renewal—Wright—Those are pretty tough looking patent leather shoes you have on, Garner—They were all right originally, but the patent has expired on them.

Music Teacher—I don't know why you are so pleased. Your daughter really sings very well. Father—Yes; but suppose it that she never sings anything but songs?

"Have you a good ear for music?" he inquired of the young man, who is both matter-of-fact and absent-minded. "I don't know," was the reply, "I never tried to play on it."

A HEART NO GOOD.
"Take back the heart thou gavest!" Said the *fin de siècle* maid,
You see, she was playing poker,
And her four tens had needed a spade.

AN OLD TUNE SET TO A NEW SITUATION.
Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are tramping.
Hundreds of thousands on the road;
You can hear their weary tread,
As they hunt for work and bread.

In these "good times" by Democracy bestowed.
Farmer Hayman—"That boarder we had must 'a' been a purty smart young fellow. He graduated from some college or other." Cousin Did he say what college? "I think he said it was the Keeley Institute."

TELL US NOW.
Oh, man with lengthy flowing hair,
To honesty you owe it
Come tell us frankly who you are,
An Anarchist or poet.

An Englishman recently had his life saved by a \$500 worth of greenbacks, which warranted off a bullet aimed at him. With such simple means of protection as this, at our very elbow, everybody should be prepared for an emergency.

Marie Gold—Papa says that although he is opposed to you, he expects you to be a beneficiary of his will. Tom Gie—Did he say what his will would be? Marie Gold—Yes; he will leave every cent to found a free inebriate asylum.

Don't Swear—A newspaperman, who evidently believes in telling things just as they are, says: "Do not swear. There is no occasion to swear outside of a printing office. It is useful in proof-reading; and indispensable in getting forms to print, and has been known to assist in looking over the paper when it is printed, but otherwise it is a very disgusting habit."

Safety Guaranteed—Timid Lady (about to buy a ticket for Europe)—And is this boat that sells on Thursday perfectly safe? Agent for the Ocean Greyhound Company (gravely)—Madame, I can assure you that in all the time this ship has been in service, and that time covers a number of years, madame, not once has she gone to the bottom.

Oh, then, it must be all right. Let me have an outside room, please.

A Cheerless Prospect—William Whiskers—What's all this 'ere talk about free silver, Hank? Does it mean hard dollars for nothing? Henry Slobow—Naw; it's just like Free Trade, and don't mean nothing! The time won't never come, Bill, when yer kin git anything without a skin! fer it!

A HINT TO WHEELMEN.
Look out for
Kypchosis bicyclistorum.
It's a brand in your spine
Which, eight times in nine,
Will give you a whole lot of trouble;
If you wish to prevent
This bicycle bent,
Don't sit on your wheel in a double,
Look out for
Kypchosis bicyclistorum.

A Scheme that Failed—A hear that Sammerby and his wife are trying to get a divorce. What is the trouble? "Incompatibility of temper. You see, they made an agreement when they were wed that they should never both get angry at the same time. The result is that instead of both getting mad at once, and fighting it out, one or the other is angry all the time, and they don't have any happy moments at all."

SCOTT'S Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites, is prescribed by Physicians all over the world. It is a remarkable remedy for Consumption, Scrophula, and wasting diseases, and very palatable. Read the following:—"I have much pleasure in stating that I have tried Scott's Emulsion in a case of impoverished blood, with scrophulous disease, and found it to be a very efficient reparation. It was taken without the least difficulty."—A. TRIMPLE, Perkins, Lordship Park, Sackville Newington, N. Ave. Chemist can supply it. A. S. Watson & Co. (Limited), agents in Hongkong and China.

—[Advt.]

THE MARINEBURK FURNITURE COMPANY, LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION).

THE Underigned has received instructions from the Liquidator, to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of October, 1893, at 11 o'clock, at H. M. NAVAL YARD, SUNDRY NAVAL AND VICTUALLING CONDEMNED STORES, Consisting of:—

OLD IRON, CHAIN, CABLE, PAPER STUFF, RAGS, CANVAS, HOSES & CLOTHING.

TERMS OF SALE:—As customary. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [1110]

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Underigned has received instructions from the Liquidator, to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION, on THURSDAY, the 19th October, 1893, and following days, commencing at 2.30 P.M., the WHOLE OF THE VALUABLE STOCK OF THIS COMPANY'S WELL-KNOWN FURNITURE, Consisting of:—

DRAWING, DINING, BED-ROOM, and OFFICE FURNITURE, ALSO, The Very Useful Stock of TAPESTRY, PLUSHES, RUGS, GIMPS, FRINGES and UPHOLSTERING MATERIALS.

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ALSO, TWO HAIR PICKING MACHINES, ONE PLANING MACHINE, ONE SEWING MACHINE, and Various WOOD-WORKING TOOLS and APPLIANCES.

ALSO, THE GOODWILL OF THE BUSINESS of the Company. Full particulars will be published in Catalogue to be issued prior to Sale. Further information may be obtained, and orders to inspect the property will be granted on application to GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [1114]

PEAK HOTEL. OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

THIS commodious and well appointed HOTEL, situated at a height of 2,500 feet above sea-level, having been leased by the Proprietors of the "VICTORIA HOTEL," is NOW OPEN and will be run in conjunction with their HOTEL in Queen's Road, thus enabling them to offer special inducements to Visitors and Residents.

SPECIAL WINTER RATES, FROM NOVEMBER 1ST, 1893, TO MARCH 31ST, 1894.

One person, per day.....\$ 3.00
One person, per week.....15.00
One person, one month.....\$55.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per day.....5.00

Married couple (occupying one room) per week.....35.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per month.....\$100.00
For full particulars apply to VICTORIA HOTEL, Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [1097]

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FRENCHMAN'S ROAD, at 8.30 p.m. on THURSDAY, the 19th October, 1893. [1115]

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To-day's Advertisements.

"ANTRE DES FAUVES."

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF H. H. THE GOVERNOR.

THE MATCHED at WEST POINT having been REBUILT after the recent Gale, PROFESSOR MAX, will positively RE-APPEAR with his REAL WILD BEASTS TO-DAY (SATURDAY), at 9 P.M., and on the following days.

PRICES AS USUAL.
Hongkong, 13th October, 1893. [1104]

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO. THE Company's Steamship

"THALES." Captain Hodgkin will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 17th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [1108]

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship

"NAMO," Captain Harris, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 18th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [1111]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. THE Steamship

"RADNORSHIRE." Captain F. Davies, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY, the 21st instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [1115]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

6 PER CENT. DEBENTURES. NOTICE.

INTEREST on the above DEBENTURES for the Six Months ending 15th instant, being DUE on that date, Holders are requested to deposit their Debentures at the Office of the Underigned, (Telegraph Buildings) for inspection, on the 18th instant, between the hours of 10 A.M. and Noon, and to call for same and receive payment of interest DUE on 15th instant, also between the hours of 10 A.M. and Noon.

By Order, R. LYALL, Secretary, Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [1109]

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Intimations. CARMICHAEL & Co., LD.

HAVE JUST LANDED ENGLISH-MADE FOWLING PIECES with CASE and IMPLEMENTS \$50 and upwards. ELEV'S CARTRIDGE CASES, BAGS and BELTS, NEW CASTLE CHILLED SHOT, SHOOTING STOCKINGS in great variety, DAWSON'S TAN LEATHER BOOTS and SHOES, BROWN CANVAS WALKING and TENNIS SHOES, DOG COLLARS in NICKEL, BRASS and LEATHER, DOG CHAINS, &c.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD. 18, Praya Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 19th August, 1893. [15]

Notice to Consumers

The PREPARATIONS of L. LEGRAND ORIZA-PERFUMERY

11, Place de la Madeleine, PARIS Formerly 207, Rue Saint-Honoré

2nd ORIZA-OL, ESS-ORIZA, ORIZA-LACTÉ, CRÈME-ORIZA ORIZA-VELOUTÉ, ORIZA-TONICA, ORIZALINE, ORIZA-SOAP

HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING THE PATRONAGE OF THE PUBLIC BECAUSE: 1. Their manufacture is supervised with the greatest care; 2. Their qualities are unalterable and their perfumes sweet.

As, in order to profit by their great reputation, the Oriza preparations have been counterfeited

we warn Consumers not to

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—100 per cent. prem. sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on \$8.10, paid up—40 per cent. div. sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders shares, \$10 per share, sellers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—nominal.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 C—2 per cent. premium, buyers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$77 per share, ex. div. buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$50 per share, sales.

North China Insurance—Tis. 115 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$117 per share, buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$60, sellers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tis. 15 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$195 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$78 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$26 per share, sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—\$25 per share, buyers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—60 per cent. discount, sales and buyers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$37, buyers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—\$20 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—72 per cent. premium, sellers.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$12 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$81.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

The Shamone Hotel Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

Fanjong Mining Co.—\$51 per share, sales and buyers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$41 per share, sales and buyers.

The Balmora Gold Mining Co., Limited—cents, per share, sales and buyers.

Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$80 per share, sales and buyers.

The Jebeu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$18 ex. div. sales and buyers.

New Inuris Mining Co., Limited—nominal.

London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$15 per share, sales.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$150 per share, sellers.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$391 sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$101 sales and buyers.

Dakka, Crickbank & Co., Limited—\$11 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$77 per share, sales and buyers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$14 per share, buyers.

The Western Point Building Co., Limited—\$20 per share, sellers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$38 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$85 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$110 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$67 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sales and buyers.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$3, sales and buyers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$3 per share, sales and buyers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$11 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$67 per share, sellers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 103 1/2

Bank Bills, on demand 103 1/2

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 103 1/2

Credits at 4 months' sight 103 1/2

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 103 1/2

ON PARIS—Bank Bills, on demand 103 1/2

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 103 1/2

Credits at 4 months' sight 103 1/2

ON SHANGHAI—Bank, T. T. 103 1/2

Private, 30 days' sight 103 1/2

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Shipping.

ARRIVAL.

IXION, British steamer, 2,292, H. Nibb, 14th Oct.—Shanghai 8th October, and Foochow 14th, General—Butterfield & Swire.

THALES, British steamer, 320, A. Hodgins, 14th Oct.—Taiwan 11th October, Amoy 12th, and Swatow 13th, General—D. Laprak & Co.

BAUTZO, German bark, 348, H. Eggers, 14th Oct.—Amoy 4th Oct., Sugar—Waller & Co.

NUMEROUS, German steamer, 3,207, H. Walter, 14th Oct.—Yokohama 8th Oct., Kobe 9th, and Nagasaki 10th, Mails and General—Melchers & Co.

DEPARTURE.

October 14, *Night Navigator*, Russian str., for Vladivostok.

October 14, *Frederic*, Norwegian steamer, for Kobe.

October 14, *Jacob Diederichsen*, German str., for Saigon.

October 14, *Marie Valérie*, Austrian steamer, for Shanghai, &c.

October 14, *Praha Chom Kiao*, British steamer, for Bangkok.

October 14, *Fu-ping*, Chinese str., for Tientsin.

October 14, *Glücksburg*, German steamer, for Saigon.

October 14, *Ly-ee-moon*, German steamer, for Saigon.

October 14, *Sungking*, British str., for Amoy.

October 14, *Moray*, British steamer, for Moji.

NANCHANG, British steamer, 1,068, E. Finlayson, 14th Oct.—Bangkok 7th Oct., General.

YUNO-CHING, Chinese steamer, 761, Harrie, 14th Oct.—Newchwang 7th October, and Chefoo 9th, Beans and Bean Cake—C. M. S. N. Co.

COMTE, French gunboat, 100, Lieut. Fournet, 14th Oct.—Salon 10th October.

VELOCITY, British bark, 491, R. Martin, 14th Oct.—Honolulu 31st August, General—Chinese.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Sunshine, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.

Fu-ping, Chinese steamer, for Tientsin.

Glücksburg, German steamer, for Saigon.

IXION, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

Praha Chom Kiao, British str., for Bangkok.

Fukien, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

Altwina, German steamer, for Holboen, &c.

Jacob Diederichsen, German str., for Saigon.

Guthrie, British steamer, for Macao, Timor, &c.

Tinian, British steamer, for Kobe.

Mongkut, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

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PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Yungking*, from Newchwang, &c.—1 Chinese.

Per *Yellon*, from Shanghai, &c.—15 Chinese.

Per *Yellon*, from Taiwan, &c.—Mrs. L. S. S. and 7 Chinese.

Per *Yellon*, from Honolulu—80 Chinese.

Per *Nurnberg*, from Yokohama, &c., for Hongkong—Professor and Mrs. Gottschalk and child, Mr. and Mrs. Ching and children, Mrs. Otsuka, Miss L. Walter, Messrs. Otto Melchner, L. R. H. J. B. Laughlin, Moses Taylor, A. S. Chisholm, F. A. Moore, R. H. von Lindholm, Young Kung, and T. Fukubara. For Europe—Mrs. Brinkmann and children, Captain N. Freeman, Captain C. Nodop, Don Parla Del Canto Talia, Messrs. Gustav Röpp, J. Ose, F. A. Mahomed, and H. W. Rose.

DEPARTED.

Per *Guthrie*, for Timor—Capt. and Mrs. de Costa Belle, son and 2 daughters, Ensign and Mrs. de Velgen and 2 children, Mrs. Arobas, Miss de Paula, Dr. Almeida, and Mr. dos Santos. For Australia—Dr. and Mrs. Kwaga and child, Misses Khaggs (4), Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Hosier, and Mr. W. F. Stevenson.

REPORTS.

The French gunboat *Cometa* reports that she left Saigon on the 10th instant. Had very fine weather throughout.

The British steamship *Nanchang* reports that she left Bangkok on the 7th instant. Experienced fine weather with light north and north-easterly winds throughout.

The British steamship *IXION* reports that she left Shanghai on the 8th instant, and Foochow on the 12th. Met with fresh north-east winds to Turnabout; thence to port had light variable winds.

The British bark *Velocity* reports that she left Honolulu on the 31st August. Had steady trades and fine weather to the Ladrões. On the 2nd and 3rd instant, in lat. 20° north and long. 134° east, encountered a typhoon, which forced her to the north-east, which hauled to the westward, and finished at south. Barometer lowest reading 29.70. Lost several sails. From the 3rd to port had fine weather; for four days a calm in the China Sea.

The British steamship *Thales* reports that she left Taiwan on the 11th instant, Amoy on the 12th, and Swatow on the 13th. From Taiwan to Amoy experienced strong north-east winds with considerable sea and cloudy weather. From Amoy to Swatow, and also to Hongkong had moderate north-west winds and cloudy weather. This morning at 7.15 o'clock, spoke the German bark *Bautzo* off the Nine Pins, with her fore-mast gone.

The Chinese steamship *Yung-ching* reports that she left Newchwang on the 7th instant, and Chefoo on the 9th. On leaving Newchwang had moderate south-west winds and cloudy weather. From Chefoo had light south wind and rain. On the 10th had fresh breeze and high following sea with rain. Early on the 11th had light north wind and clear weather, but towards noon an increasing wind and sea. On the 12th had fresh breeze and high following sea to Turnabout. On the 13th had light breeze and fine clear weather to Breaker Point, with occasional rain squalls. From there to port had moderate wind and fine weather.

POST OFFICE.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE—

For Swatow, Singapore, and Bangkok.—Per *Mongkut* to-morrow, the 15th instant, at 9 A.M.

For Canton.—Per *Powan* to-morrow, the 15th instant, at 9 A.M.

For Europe, &c., &c.—Per *Prussia* on Monday, the 16th instant, at 3 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

ALWINE, German steamer, 400, C. Petersen, 13th Oct.—Pakhoi 10th Oct., and Hothow 12th, General—Waller & Co.

AMIGO, German steamer, 771, T. Bendixen, 16th Oct.—Salon 12th July, Rice—Waller & Co.

BAUTAM, Dutch steamer, 1,457, C. J. van de Bergh, 17th July.—Bangkok 13th July, Rice—Lantz, Wegener & Co.

CHELYDRA, British steamer, 1,774, R. Cain, 6th Oct.—Calcutta 20th Sept., Penang 27th, and Singapore 30th, Opium and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHINA, American steamer, 5,288, Wm. Ward, 6th Oct.—San Francisco 12th Sept., Honolulu 19th, and Yokohama 21st October, Mails and General—F. M. S. S. Co.

CHOWFA, British steamer, 1,055, F. Phillips, 10th Oct.—Bangkok 4th Oct., General—Yuen Fat Hong.

DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,107, W. A. Dine, 8th Oct.—Samarang 20th Sept., Sugar—Stemmen & Co.

EMPEROR OF CHINA, British steamer, 3,003, R. Archibald, R.N.R., 10th Oct.—Vancouver 8th Sept., Victoria 10th, Yokohama 12th, and Kobe 14th, Nagasaki 16th, and Shanghai 18th, General—C. P. R. Co.

FOXKEN, British steamer, 360, W. Davis, 13th Oct.—Tamsui 9th October, Amoy 11th, and Swatow 12th, General—D. Laprak & Co.

FRONER, Norwegian steamer, 710, G. Lichten, 9th October.—Moji 3rd October, Coal—Order.

MOOUT, British steamer, 1,857, T. Golding, 12th Oct.—Tientsin, U.S.A., 14th Sept., and Yokohama 16th, General—Doddrell, Smith & Co.

HONGKONG—STEAMERS.

MONGKUT, British steamer, 838, Chas. Stoham, 4th Oct.—Bangkok 22nd Sept., and Koh-chang 23rd, General—Yuen Fat Hong.

NA. SA. ROSARIO, Spanish steamer, 406, Roman Olavaga, 23rd Sept.—Manila 22nd Sept., General—Brandão & Co.

NIJMI NOVGOROD, Russian steamer, 2,005, Dranovsky, 13th Oct.—St. Petersburg 1st July, and Singapore 3rd October, General—Melchers & Co.

PILOT FIET, British steamer, 161, A. Stupal, 10th Oct.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

PROGRESS, German steamer, 687, Jensen, 13th Oct.—Kutchin 8th October, Coal—Stemmen & Co.

RIO, German steamer, 1,108, C. H. Davidson, 6th Oct.—Probingo 27th Sept., Sugar—Waller & Co.

WHAMPOA, British steamer, 1,109, L. Dawson, 5th Oct.—Bangkok 26th Sept., General—Butterfield & Swire.

SAILING VESSELS.

ADOLPH, German bark, 767, E. Westergaard, 21st Aug.—Hamburg 22nd April, General—Stemmen & Co.

BITTERN, British barkentine, 393, J. Strenach, 17th Sept.—Albany, W.A., 29th July, Sandalwood—Order.

CONTINENTAL, American ship, 1,223, B. J. Colcord, 6th Sept.—Singapore 23rd April, Timber—Order.

ELIZABETH, German bark, 307, T. Alm, 5th Oct.—Helsinki 21st Sept., Beans—Captain.

EMILY F. WHITNEY, American ship, 1,240, A. J. Parsons, 3rd Sept.—Salon 24th August, Paddy and Rice Flour—Order.

F. SKOLFIELD, British ship, 1,023, W. E. Sherman, 4th Oct.—Singapore 13th Sept., Timber—Master.

GEORGE STERSON, American bark, 1,878, E. S. Murphy, 6th Aug.—New York 12th April, Kerosene Oil—Captain.

JOHN CYRUS, American ship, 1,848, R. S. Lawrence, 4th Oct.—Shanghai 23rd Sept., Ballast—Order.

JOHN R. KELLY, American ship, 2,355, O. E. Chapman, 1st Sept.—New York 9th May, Kerosene Oil—Master.

LUCY A. NICKELS, American bark, 1,330, C. M. Nichols, 3rd Aug.—New York 6th March, Kerosene Oil—Melchers & Co.

MARTHA ROCKHAM, German bark, 726, Ed. Melcher, 11th Oct.—Philadelphia 21st May, Petroleum—Order.

NAM SHUN SING, Chinese s.s. sch., 358, Lok Li Tong, 3rd August.—Salon 24th August, Wood—Yong Kee & Co.

ORIENT, German bark, 461, C. Christiansen, 5th Oct.—Singapore 16th Sept., Timber—Order.

SOMALI, British 4-masted ship, 3,322, D. Morgan, 17th May.—Singapore 21st March, Ballast—Order.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

13th October, 1893.—At 4 p.m.

| STATION. | Wind. | Temp. | Bar. | Humid. | Cloud. | Sea. | Remarks. |
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| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
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| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |

14th October, 1893.—At 10 a.m.

| STATION. | Wind. | Temp. | Bar. | Humid. | Cloud. | Sea. | Remarks. |
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| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
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| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |

15th October, 1893.—At 10 a.m.

| STATION. | Wind. | Temp. | Bar. | Humid. | Cloud. | Sea. | Remarks. |
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| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
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| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |

16th October, 1893.—At 10 a.m.

| STATION. | Wind. | Temp. | Bar. | Humid. | Cloud. | Sea. | Remarks. |
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| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
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| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |

17th October, 1893.—At 10 a.m.

| STATION. | Wind. | Temp. | Bar. | Humid. | Cloud. | Sea. | Remarks. |
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| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
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| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |

18th October, 1893.—At 10 a.m.

| STATION. | Wind. | Temp. | Bar. | Humid. | Cloud. | Sea. | Remarks. |
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| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
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| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |

19th October, 1893.—At 10 a.m.

| STATION. | Wind. | Temp. | Bar. | Humid. | Cloud. | Sea. | Remarks. |
|-----------|-------|-------|------|--------|--------|------|----------|
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
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| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |
| Widdowick | SW | 70 | 30.0 | 80 | 10 | 1 | |

20th October, 1893.—At 10 a.m.

12th, 4.15 p.m. Red cloud taken down. 12th, 10.50
Barometer rising. Gradual slight for north-east. Sea calm.
Weather fine.

1.—Barometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenth
hundredths. 2.—Temperature in the shade in degrees,
tenths. 3.—Humidity in percentage of saturation, by
the wet bulb over which wind is blown for 5 minutes
of the wind to two points. 4.—Force of the wind according
Beaufort scale. 5.—State of the weather, & Rainy, & Days,
clouds, & Drizzling rain, & Fog, & Gloomy, & Hail, & Light
Overcast, & Parting showers, & Squally, & Rain, & Heavy
Thunder, & Visibility, & Dense fog. 6.—Rain in inches
and hundredths.

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